



U.S. Citizenship  
and Immigration  
Services

May 10, 2018

**COW2018000569**

Taylor S. Amarel  
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DEPT MR 53267  
Somerville, MA 02144-2516

Dear Taylor S. Amarel:

We received your request for information relating to all emails sent to, from, or copied to Charles Oppenheim from January 1, 2016 to Present day containing any of the following non-case-sensitive key-strings: "fraud", "embezzlement", "Kushner", or "whistleblower" on May 09, 2018.

Your request is being handled under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. § 552). It has been assigned the following control number: COW2018000569. Please cite this number in all future correspondence about your request.

We respond to requests on a first-in, first-out basis and on a multi-track system. Your request has been placed in the complex track (Track 2). You may wish to narrow your request to a specific document in order to be eligible for the faster track. To do so, please send a written request, identifying the specific document sought, to the address above. We will notify you if your request is placed in the simple track.

Consistent with 6 C.F.R. § 5.5(a) of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) FOIA regulations, USCIS processes FOIA requests according to their order of receipt. Although USCIS' goal is to respond within 20 business days of receipt of your request, FOIA does permit a 10-day extension of this time period in certain circumstances. Due to the increasing number of FOIA requests received by this office, we may encounter some delay in processing your request. Additionally, due to the scope and nature of your request, USCIS will need to locate, compile, and review responsive records from multiple offices, both at headquarters and in the field. USCIS may also need to consult with another agency or other component of the Department of Homeland Security that have a substantial interest in the responsive information. Due to these unusual circumstances, USCIS will invoke a 10-day extension for your request pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(B). Please contact our office if you would like to limit the scope of your request or to agree on a different timetable for the processing of your request. We will make every effort to comply with your request in a timely manner.

In accordance with Department of Homeland Security Regulations (6 C.F.R. § 5.3(c)), your request is deemed to constitute an agreement to pay any fees that may be chargeable up to \$25.00. Fees may be charged for searching for records sought at the respective clerical, professional, and/or managerial rates of \$4.00/\$7.00/\$10.25 per quarter hour, and for duplication of copies at the rate of \$.10 per copy. The first 100 copies and two hours of search time are not charged, and the remaining combined charges for search and duplication must exceed \$14.00 before we will charge you any fees. Most requests do not require any fees; however, if fees in excess of \$25.00 are required, we will notify you beforehand.

This office will be providing your records on a Compact Disc (CD) for use on your personal computer. The CD is readable on all computers through the use of Adobe Acrobat software. A version of Adobe Acrobat will be included on the CD. Your records can be viewed on your computer screen and can be printed onto paper. Only records 15 pages or more are eligible for CD printing. To request your responsive records on paper, please include your control number and write to the above address Attention: FOIA/PA Officer, or fax them to (816) 350-5785.

In order to continue processing your request, we ask that you provide the following: **See attached.** Please note your control number with any correspondence you send. Please provide this information within 30 days of the date of this letter; otherwise your request will be administratively closed as a failure to comply.

USCIS no longer collects Social Security Numbers in connection with FOIA or PA requests. When forwarding to us any documents related to your request, please ensure any Social Security Numbers on the documents are blanked out or removed.

The National Records Center (NRC) has the responsibility to ensure that personally identifiable information (PII) pertaining to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) clients is protected. In our efforts to safeguard this information, we may request that additional information be provided to facilitate and correctly identify records responsive to your request. Though submission of this information is voluntary, without this information, your request may be delayed while additional steps are taken to ensure the correct responsive records are located and processed. Further, if we are unable to positively identify the subject of the record we may be unable to provide records responsive to your FOIA request.

You may check the status of your FOIA request online, at [www.uscis.gov/FOIA](http://www.uscis.gov/FOIA). Click the "Check Status of Request" button in the middle of the web page or "FOIA Request Status Check & Average Processing Times" on the left side under "Freedom of Information and Privacy Act (FOIA)." Then click "FOIA Check Status of Request" at the bottom of the page and follow the instructions given. If you have any questions concerning your pending FOIA/PA request, or to check the status of a pending application or petition, please call The National Customer Service Center at 1-800-375-5283. Please be aware that the National Records Center no longer accepts FOIA/PA related questions directly by phone.

All FOIA/PA related requests, including address changes, must be submitted in writing and be signed by the requester. Please include the Control Number listed above on all correspondence with this office. Requests may be mailed to the FOIA/PA Officer at the PO Box listed at the top of the letterhead, emailed to [USCIS.FOIA@uscis.dhs.gov](mailto:USCIS.FOIA@uscis.dhs.gov), or sent by fax to (816) 350-5785. You may also submit FOIA/PA related questions to our email address at [FOIAPAQuestions@uscis.dhs.gov](mailto:FOIAPAQuestions@uscis.dhs.gov).

Sincerely,



Jill A. Eggleston  
Director, FOIA Operations

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The Department of Homeland Security, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) regulations at 6 C.F.R., Part 5, Subpart A, requires that the following information be provided in order to allow us to proceed with your FOIA request. **Please submit the requested information with this form. Failure to properly respond to this request for additional information within 30 days of the above date will cause your request to be administratively closed.**

All requested information is checked below:

☐ Consent: It appears that you are requesting records about another individual. If that is the case, please submit either: (a) written authorization signed by that individual permitting disclosure of those records to you or (b) proof that that individual is deceased, e.g. a copy of a death certificate or an obituary. See 6 C.F.R. § 5.3(a).

☐ Verification of Identity: It appears that you are requesting records about another individual. If that is the case, along with the consent requested above, please submit a statement prepared by that individual, in which the individual verifies his/her identity by submitting his/her full name, current address, date of birth, and place of birth. This statement must be signed by that individual and the signature must either be notarized or submitted under 28 U.S.C. § 1746, a law that permits statements to be made under penalty of perjury as a substitute for notarization. 6 C.F.R. §§ 5.3(a) and 5.21(d).

☐ Verification of Identity: It appears that you are requesting records about yourself. If that is the case, please verify your identity by submitting a statement containing your full name, current address, date of birth, and place of birth. This statement must be signed and the signature must either be notarized or submitted by you under 28 U.S.C. § 1746, a law that permits statements to be made under penalty of perjury as a substitute for notarization. 6 C.F.R. §§ 5.3(a) and 5.21(d).

☒ Description of Records Sought: We have determined that your request does not reasonably describe the records that are being sought. Please provide the following additional information:

- ☐ Subject's Alien Number
- ☐ Subject's Application/Petition Receipt Number
- ☐ Name of Subject's Parents
- ☐ Other Names Used by Subject

☒ Other: In order for USCIS to comply with your request we ask that you provide any additional identifying information that would assist USCIS in locating records related to the subject such as a position/title, the current or previous agency which the individual is/was assigned, etc.



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